

Connecticut Health Information Technology & Exchange Advisory Committee Meeting

September 20, 2010

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

The CT Health Information Technology and Exchange Advisory Committee (HITEAC) met on Monday, September 20, 2010 at the Connecticut Department of Information Technology, 101 East River Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, East Hartford, CT.

VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Agresta, MD (UConn Health Center); Lisa Boyle*, Esq. (Robinson & Cole); Daniel Carmody (Cigna); Peter Courtway (Danbury Hospital); Kenneth Dardick, MD; Mark Masselli (Community Health Centers)

NON-VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Robert Galvin, MD, MPH, MBA (DPH); Marcia Mains (DSS); Barbara Parks Wolf (OPM); Rick Bailey (DOIT); Jamie Mooney* (Healthcare Advocate)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Lt. Gov. Michael Fedele; Kevin Carr, MD (Accenture); John Gadea (DCP); Michael Hudson (Aetna); Cristine Vogel (OCHA/DPH)

OTHERS PRESENT: Meg Hooper (DPH); Marianne Horn (DPH); Lynn Townshend (DPH); Sarju Shah-Patel (DPH); Warren Wollschlager (DPH); Steve Casey (DOIT); Melissa Connery (DOIT); Mike Varney (DOIT); Andrea Schroeter (DSS); Rivka Weiser (DSS); Jeff Perkins (Gartner); Erika Chahil* (Gartner); John Lynch (CCPC); Minakshi Tikoo (UCHC); Erin Cornell (UCHC); Scott Cleary (eHealthCT); Steve Ruth (eHealthCT); Helen George (Nexus Resources, Inc.); Jeffrey Asher (CHEFA)

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Galvin, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM.

After the roll call, Chief Information Officer (CIO) Rick Bailey announced that Connecticut has been awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$93 million dollars for the Statewide Broadband Internet Access Grant. CIO Bailey named Steve Casey as his designee for HITEAC.

Review of Minutes

Dr. Galvin asked the Advisory Committee members to consider the minutes from the July 12, 2010 meeting. **MOTION:** Upon a motion made and seconded, the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting as presented. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. Galvin asked the Advisory Committee members to consider the minutes from the August 16, 2010 meeting. **MOTION:** The following Committee Members will be added to the August 16th minutes: Kenneth Dardick, MD, Marcia Mains and Barbara Parks Wolf. The minutes will be corrected to indicate their attendance. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes of the August 16, 2010 meeting with the suggested corrections. **MOTION PASSED.**

DPH Updates (M. Hooper)

The final Health Information Technology Exchange (HITE) Strategic and Operational Plan has been prepared and a concluding review will occur with Dr. Galvin on Thursday, September 23, 2010. The plan will be electronically submitted to the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) no later than Monday, September 27, 2010. ONC has mentioned that the review of the plan will take approximately three to four months.

Clarification on the "Clinical Portal" system was requested. The clinical portal is a web-based clinical application that permits providers who are not part of any exchange to exchange data. This is one of several systems that is mentioned in the HITE Plan.

DPH is currently working through the 3C3 Communications Subcommittee on a whitepaper for the new administration to summarize the current HITE efforts.

Subcommittee Reports

Subcommittee Chairs and/or designees reported on their respective subcommittee's progress since the August Advisory Committee meeting.

Finance (D. Carmody): Gartner, Inc. will be working on a sustainability / finance viability plan for the Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut. There will be three working group sessions on 09/29/10, 10/25/10, and 11/15/10 at the office of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) in Hartford.

Legal and Policy (L. Boyle): Revisions were made to the consent model for the HITE Plan. Currently, the subcommittee is working on developing language for the preemption model, and reviewing current CT laws that preempt HIPAA.

Business and Technical (T. Agresta): Held several conference calls to revise the HITE Plan in regards to the Business and Technical section and is pleased with the results of the HITE Plan.

Governance (L. Townshend): The governance model is dictated by statute and by the HITE Plan and the movement towards the new HITE Agency is currently underway.

Technical (P. Courtway): The CIO group at the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) has raised questions regarding the HL7 CCD/CDA (Continuity of Care Document /Clinical Document Architecture) because they are unsure if it will serve the needs of the hospitals and should be implemented earlier than listed in the HITE Plan. Additionally, the Technical subcommittee believes that its future work will be in support of evaluating the technical RFPs, and providing clarity, as needed, with regard to the products offered by the HITE-CT.

HITE-AC In-Kind Match (M. Horn)

The federal funds awarded to develop the Health Information Exchange in Connecticut are conditioned on funding match requirements. DPH would like to acknowledge the work of the Advisory Committee and Subcommittee members for their efforts in support of developing the 2010 Health Information Technology Exchange Strategic and Operational Plan. In-Kind Contribution forms were handed out to members of the Advisory Committee as well as sent electronically to subcommittee members and others who were not in attendance.

Transition to HITE-CT Board of Directors (M. Hooper)

The Chair thanked the Committee members for their valuable support in the development of the HITE Strategic and Operational Plan. This is the final scheduled meeting for the HITEAC; however, the committee may be called upon if ONC has further questions regarding the HITE Plan. Additionally, the work of the subcommittees will be moving forward during this transition. Nine of the thirteen HITE-CT Board members have been appointed. DPH will share this information in early October when the legislative Board Appointments have been completed. DPH will keep the HITEAC and subcommittee members informed about the HITE-CT.

Inaugural Meeting of the HITE-CT Board: October 18, 2010, 4:30 -7:00 PM at DOIT. Meetings will be kept to the 3rd Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

Adjournment

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM.

*attended by phone